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OF THE
Eighth Illinois United States Volunteers

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HOSPITAL STEWARD, EIGHTH ILLINOIS U. S. VOLUNTEERS,

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GOVERNOR JOHN R. TANNER



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To His Excellency, John R. Tanner, the able and fearless executive of the great State of Illinois, who believes and who has the courage of his convictions, that it is the heart, the brain, the soul, not the skin, that go to determine manhood; who, acting upon this belief and upon the fundamental principle of this government that "taxation without representation is tyranny," had the manhood to appoint colored officers to command a Colored Regiment, this book is affectionally dedicated

BY THE AUTHORS.



COLONEL JOHN R. MARSHALL

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JOHN R. MARSHALL was born at Alexandria, Va., March 15, 1859. He was educated in the public schools of Alexandria, Va., and Washington, D. C. At the age of 16 he was apprenticed to the bricklayers trade, serving four years, until 1879, when he came to Chicago. In 1895 he was appointed a deputy clerk in the County Clerk's office and held that position until he received his call to the front.

Col. Marshall took an active part in the organization of the Ninth Battalion in 1891, being elected Second Lieutenant, Company A in May, and First Lieutenant in July of the same year. In 1893 he was chosen Captain of his Company by an unanimous vote, and held that rank until he received his Colonel's commission in June, 1898.

In Cuba he made an enviable record. He early gained the confidence and respect of his General and soon proved that this confidence was not misplaced.

Lenient and just he has always been. Always a Colonel, but never too busy nor too dignified to listen to complaints of his soldiers. Affectation and arrogance are entirely foreign to him, but pride for his race and respect for himself and his position gave him a gentlemanly, soldierly bearing that always found favor with all officers of rank with whom he came in contact. He never knew personal fear, and when Governor Tanner submitted the proposition to him to send his regiment to relieve the First Illinois, he quickly gave his consent.

As a Commander he was a pronounced success, clearly demonstrating the wisdom of Gov. Tanner in appointing him to the Colonelcy, justifying the contention of the black troops that they should be led by black officers. By his soldierly conduct he has met all of the expectations of his friends and silenced the tongues of his calumniators. He has performed all of his duties with credit to himself and honor to his race.



LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES H. JOHNSON

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JAMES H. JOHNSON was born in Washington, D. C., where he received a good literary education. In 1880, he enlisted for five years in the Ninth U. S. Cavalry, and during his service made a brilliant record. He gained a sharpshooter's medal, and here laid the foundation for his future success as a commander. For several years succeeding his army experience he was engaged in the railroad business, and in 1888 he located in Chicago, where he has since resided. In 1891, he joined the Ninth Battalion as a private. Soon after he became First Sergeant of Company A, and in 1892, upon the recommendation of his commander, he was appointed Adjutant of the Battalion. If in years to come, should he be commissioned a General and do gallant service, he would still be called Adjutant Johnson, so brilliant was his record while holding that position. Small of stature; quiet and unassuming in appearance; always methodical and energetic, he contributed more to the growth of the Battalion than even his best friends imagine.

When the Eighth Regiment was mustered into the service he received the commission of Lieutenant Colonel, a place conceded to him by all factions, and by all people. If the question be asked, what is Colonel Johnson's distinguishing characteristics, the answer would invariably be, "he is a soldier, and a man." "Method" is his watchword, and persevering he has always been. As a tactician he has few equals, even in the regular army. He knows the regulations not to inflict punishment, but to be right and to be just.



MAJOR ROBERT R. JACKSON

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ROBERT R. JACKSON was born Sept. 1, 1869, in Malta, Ill. When but a year old he was brought to Chicago by his parents, and when twelve years of age he was a graduate of the grammar school. As a boy he held various positions with large mercantile and professional firms, proving himself competent in every position he held. In December, 1888, he entered the Postal Service as a stamper, and by competitive examinations he received successive promotions until he became foreman of Station M, during Colonel Sexton's administration.

Various secret and fraternal societies claim him as a member, and in 1896 he was elected Adjutant-General on the Major-General's staff of the Knights of Pythias. In 1895, the name of Private Robert R. Jackson appeared on the rolls of Company D of the Ninth Battalion, but it was soon changed to Captain Robert R. Jackson. Upon entering the United States service, he was commissioned Major of the Second Battalion, and into that position he threw that zeal and magnetism which gave success to him so early in life.

Soon after landing in Cuba he was ordered on detached service to Palma Soriano in command of Companies E and F. At this post he became Major of the city, protector of the Spanish residents and mediator of all disputes that arose amongst the inhabitants.

Stationed as he was, immediately after the war, in a city containing many Spanish inhabitants and connected with the Regiment neither by railroad nor telegraph, Major Jackson's position was indeed a trying one. But his diplomacy won the day, and when the order came recalling him to his Regiment, it was with genuine regret that the men of his command and the citizens saw him go. After rejoining the Regiment at San Luis he did splendid work, and returned to his home with nothing but bright marks on his record.



MAJOR FRANKLIN A. DENISON

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FRANKLIN AUGUSTUS DENISON was born at San Antonio, Texas, in 1862. He obtained his preliminary education in the public schools of that city, preparing himself to enter Lincoln University. He entered Lincoln University in 1883, graduating from that institution as honor man in 1888. His commencement oration was considered a gem of oratory. In 1888 he entered the Union College of Law in Chicago, graduating in 1890 as valedictorian. Mayor Hempstead Washburn appointed him Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in 1891, and was reappointed by Carter H. Harrison, Sr., John P. Hopkins and Geo. B. Swift. He is one of the most successful colored lawyers practicing at the Chicago bar.

During the major portion of his time in the service in Cuba he was one of the Judges of the Court of Claims sitting at Santiago. General Lawton appointed Major Denison President of a General Court-Martial, being the only colored man ever appointed to such a position. He performed his duties in such a dignified, competent manner that he gained the praise of every one with whom he was associated. His work undoubtedly did a great deal to create among the officers of the other regiments, a favorable opinion of the colored officers of the Eighth. Of noble figure and commanding voice, Franklin A. Denison wore well the straps of a Major.



MAJOR ALLEN A. WESLEY, SURGEON

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SURGEON

ALLEN ALEXANDER WESLEY son of Edward Edrington and Elizabeth Ann (Davis) Wesley, was born September 25, 1856, at Dublin, Ind. He was educated in the common schools of Cincinnati; at Bryant & Stratton's Business College, Chicago; and was graduated A. B. from Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., in 1884. He commenced the study of medicine in 1870, with Dr. William Mussey of Cincinnati, and later took a three years' course of study at the Northwestern University Medical School and received the degree of M. D. from the same in 1887.

Dr. Wesley has been a practitioner in Chicago since the year of his graduation. He was clinical assistant of the late Walter Hay, M. D., LL. D., in the department of mental and nervous diseases, Chicago Medical College, 1885-89; clinical assistant to Prof. R. N. Isham, in the department of surgery of the same college, 1886-'88; lectured on "Surgical Emergencies" in Provident Training School; district county physician for Cook county in Chicago.

Dr. Wesley was gynecologist to the Provident Hospital, of which he was one of the founders, and was appointed surgeon-in-charge in 1894, and secretary to the medical staff.

In May, he entered the Illinois National Guard, when it was certain that the United States would have war with Spain, and went to Springfield with the Eighth Regiment. There he examined all who applied for enlistment in the Eighth and Ninth Regiments. The commission of Major and Surgeon was given him July 2, 1898, and soon after his arrival in Cuba he was placed in charge of the hospital at San Luis by General E. P. Ewers as Acting Brigade Surgeon. Later he was chosen as one of a board of three to examine all medical officers who should be called before it, he being the first colored man who ever held such a position. While at San Luis he had medical charge of the Eighth Illinois, Twenty-third Kansas and several pack trains and signal corps.

The general health and physical condition of the Eighth Regiment speak volumes in praise of Dr. Wesley as a surgeon.



LIEUTENANT HARVEY A. THOMPSON, ADJUTANT

ADJUTANT HARVEY A. THOMPSON

THE BEST Adjutant in the volunteer service was born in Columbus, Ohio, July 24, 1863. His literary education was obtained in the public schools, Fisk University, and La Moyne College. His name is Harvey A. Thompson. In 1883, he enlisted in the Ninth U. S. Cavalry and served honorably for five years. Upon his discharge he went to Nashville, Tenn., and matriculated at the Meharry Medical College, where he studied two years. Chicago became his home at the end of this period, and he at once became prominent in political and business circles.

Two years ago, he was appointed clerk at the Desplaines Street Police Station, and was making an excellent record when he went to Springfield with the Eighth. Only one name was ever suggested for the position of Adjutant, that of Harvey Thompson. A thorough soldier, a splendid bookkeeper and pensman, affable and energetic, the Adjutant of the Eighth Illinois was a pronounced success.



LIEUTENANT JAMES S. NELSON, QUARTERMASTER

LIEUT. JAMES S. NELSON

QUARTERMASTER

JAMES S. NELSON first saw the light in Windsor, Canada, in 1861. He came to Chicago shortly after and was naturalized in 1884. When the Ninth Battalion was formed, he became Sergeant Major, and later Quartermaster. In 1894, he married Dr. Ida Gray, at that time the only colored woman dentist in the United States.

When the Eighth was called to Springfield, Mr. Nelson resigned a splendid position as bookkeeper in a city office to become Quartermaster of the Regiment.

In 1897, James S. Nelson matriculated at the Chicago College of Law, and the training that he received here and over the city's books stood him in good stead while discharging the many trying duties of his office. His record was indeed a remarkable one. His reports were almost invariably correct, and the regiment was never without anything that could be obtained by ceaseless effort on the part of the Quartermaster. System was present every moment in his department, and the regular, constant food and clothing supplies issued to the regiment gave testimony to that fact.



LIEUTENANT JAMES W. CURTIS, ASSISTANT SURGEON

LIEUT. J W. CURTIS

J. W. CURTIS was born in the town of Marion, Ala., July 29, 1856. He is the fourth son of A. H. and Princess Curtis. His father was one of the most prominent men in the State and for six years was State Senator. Dr. Curtis was educated at Lincoln University and State Normal School, Monon, Ala. As a boy he took high rank as a student; taught school in different parts of the State for six years, and in 1879 held a professorship in his Alma Mater. In 1882 he was appointed to a clerkship in the pension office at Washington, D. C. In one year was promoted to a first-class clerkship and in 1889-90-91 was special agent for the pension office in Northwestern Illinois and Nebraska. During his stay in Washington from 1882 to 1891, he studied medicine and graduated from Howard University in 1888. While acting as special agent for the pension office in Nebraska in 1891, he resigned for the purpose of entering upon the practice of his profession. In October, 1891, he came to Chicago and commenced practice, and soon had a large clientel. He was a member of the staff of Provident Hospital, and under the Swift administration was offered, but declined, a position under the city health department.

Under the President's call for volunteers, he offered his services; was appointed by Gov. Tanner an Assistant Surgeon in the Eighth Illinois Infantry. He went to Cuba and was the medical officer in charge of a detachment of his regiment stationed at Palma Soriana, Cuba. He enjoys the distinction of having lost but one man during the whole service.



LIEUTENANT EDWARD S. MILLER, ASSISTANT SURGEON.

LIEUT. EDWARD S. MILLER

EDWARD SMITH MILLER, First Lieutenant and Assistant Surgeon, was born on a farm in Garrard County, Kentucky, August 31, 1858. He received his early education in the Danville public schools, beginning his college course in the same city. In 1880, he moved to Meadville, Pa., to complete his college course, taking a two years' literary course, supporting himself at this time by his own labor. He began his study of medicine in a doctor's office, matriculating in the Chicago Homeopathy Medical College in 1889, graduating with high honors in 1893.

After graduation, Dr. Miller located in Chicago, and at the time of entering the service was enjoying a large and lucrative practice. To broaden his knowledge of the medical science and more fully fit himself for the many responsibilities of his profession, he took a post-graduate course in the Harvey Medical College in 1897. During the service in Cuba, Dr. Miller had the care of the greater part of the regiment. How well he succeeded is attested by the high esteem in which he is held by both officers and men, and by the wonderful health of the regiment.

Dr. Miller is a Mason, Knight Templar and Knight of Pythias. He was romantically and happily married on the eve of his departure for Cuba to Miss Mamie Evans of Winchester, Ky. His career is a shining example of what a young man can do with ambition, energy and perseverance.



CAPTAIN JORDAN CHAVIS, CHAPLAIN

CHAPLAIN CHAVIS

CHAPLAIN CHAVIS was born in Massac County, Illinois, February 16, 1856. He attended the common school in Metropolis, Illinois. In 1870, he moved with his parents to Mississippi, entered Alcona University in 1872, and graduated from a normal course in 1876. He was ordained a minister in the Baptist denomination the same year. He taught school and pastored in the South until 1880, then coming north, marrying Miss Hattie Marshall at Metropolis, Ill. He was pastor at the Pisgah Baptist Church, Bloomington, two years, and was pastor of Bethesda Church in Chicago, three years. From Chicago he was called to Quincy, where he pastored Eighth Street Church for nearly ten years. When the Hispano-American war broke out, the Reverend watched the proceedings closely, and was one of the first outside of Chicago, to assist in raising a company for the Eighth Regiment. After assisting in raising Company I, Quincy, he made application for Chaplain of the regiment and was appointed and commissioned by Gov. Tanner, Aug. 1, 1898. He went to Cuba with the regiment, where he did volunteer service for several months, effecting a church organization in the regiment of over one hundred members, and kept in existence a live Christian Endeavor and Sunday School the entire time. He built a church and baptized twelve soldiers in Cuban waters, which was the first Protestant baptism in that province.

He was of inestimable value in caring for the sick and burying the dead, nothing escaping his attention that was to the interest of the regiment. He also learned to be a soldier, often drilling with the regiment as a private and could be frequently seen on the firing line at target practice, becoming an exceptionally good shot. He returned with the regiment and remained at his post until mustered out.

Following is a letter received from Brig. Gen. Ewers commanding at San Luis de Cuba. :

HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF MAYARI,

SAN LUIS, CUBA.

March 9, 1899.

CHAPLAIN JORDON CHAVIS, Eighth Illinois Volunteers,

DEAR SIR—I take pleasure in stating that while you have been under my command—since August 26, 1898—you have performed your duties in a faithful manner and with credit to your profession. I recommend you as an energetic and zealous christian and one worthy in every way of the position you hold in your regiment. Very respectfully, E. P. EWERS, Brigadier General, Commanding.



CURTIS P. SOMERVILLE
Hospital Steward



HENRY TURNLEY
Hospital Steward



WILLIAM J. BARNETT
Chief Musician



LINCOLN VALLE
Quartermaster Sergeant



HARRY STANTON MCCARD
Hospital Steward

COL. MARSHALL'S
NON-COMMISSIONED STAFF



MORRO CASTLE



PALACE, SANTIAGO

EIGHTH ILLINOIS VOLUNTEER BAND.



WILLIAM J. BARNETT, Chief Musician.

WILLIAM COOPER, Principal Musician.

BASSES

G. W. COOPER
WM. ROBINSON

ALTOS

ROSCOE HOLT
JNO. CRAWFORD
W. BUCHANAN
SYLVESTER JOHNSON

SLIDE TROMBONES

ADDISON ROBINSON
WM. REECE
EARL FRANKLIN
WALTER PATTERSON

BARITONES

PRICE WOODS
MORRIS COBBS

CORNETS

WM. COOPER
HENRY REN
WALTER THOMAS
JNO. HUNTER

CLARINETS

OLIE MACK
CLARENCE BOWMAN
CHAS. WILLIAMS

BATTERIES

CURTIS RAYMOND
WM. JOHNSON
SAM ROBERTS
FRANK ROBERTS

PICCOLO

NOAH T. WILLIAMS

JESSE CASH, Drum Major.

BUGLERS.

CHARLES W. HUNT, Chief Bugler.

GEO. P. BROWN
DAVID MILLEN
GUY WILSON
JOHN COLSTON
LEE WILLIAMS
WATT SAUNDERS

BENJ. WORZER
JAS. MOSBY
WM. DIAMOND
SAM'L CHASE
FRED MAKERS
FRED PARKER

WILL TURNER
BUD WATSON
J. A. FOX
WM. SCOTT
WM. HOLLIDAY
JAS. LOGAN

ABRAHAM EZICAH
LOGAN WHITE
JOHN WHITE
IRA KING
HORACE ALEXANDER
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POST HOSPITAL, SAN LUIS



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 CHAS. TAYLOR
 CLEMMIE PAYNE
 H. BLYTHE
 WM. YORK
 JESSIE DREXLER
 JOSEPH EDWARDS
 JACK WARD
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 ISAIAH LINDSAY

CHAS. TAYLOR

MEMBERS OF THE HOSPITAL CORPS
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CHARLES WILLIAMS



LIEUTENANT JOHN W. ALLISON



CAPTAIN THEODORE VAN PELT



LIEUTENANT STEWART BETTS

• CAPT. THEODORE R. VAN PELT.

THEODORE R. VAN PELT was born at Glens Falls, Warren County, N. Y., Sept. 29, 1857. He received his early training and education in the Empire State, removing to the State of Illinois twenty-five years ago. Capt. Van Pelt was one of the first to be enrolled upon the roster of the Ninth Battalion at the very beginning of that organization. Enlisting as a Private in Company A June 1, 1890, he was appointed Sergeant Oct. 1, 1891. His enthusiastic work and strict attention to duty won for him the election to the Second Lieutenancy Dec. 7, 1892. He was elected First Lieutenant July 1, 1894, continuously holding that rank until he succeeded Colonel Marshall as Captain of Company A upon the latter gentleman's promotion. Capt. Van Pelt is a barber by trade, having owned the most popular shop in the city of Chicago. He also stands high in the civic organizations, being a past officer in the famous St. George Commandery. Capt. Van Pelt was not only a soldier in the time of peace but a soldier in the time of war. When the President sounded the war tocsin, Capt. Van Pelt was one of the first to offer his sword in the service of the country. At the front he made a record that would gladden the heart of any man.

LIEUT. JOHN W. ALLISON

IN the days of the old battalion, Sergt. Allison was reputed to be about the best drill instructor in the companies. He is a native of Collierville, Tenn., and is 34 years of age. When he came to Chicago in 1892, one of his first acts was to join the Ninth Battalion. Since his commission with the Eighth, he has made a splendid reputation, a great deal of the time having charge of Company A, while Capt. Van Pelt was in charge of the Second Battalion.

LIEUT. STEWART A. BETTS

STEWARD A. BETTS was born in the "Buckeye State" in 1873. At an early age he came to Chicago. In 1896, he joined the Ninth Battalion, and when the Governor called out the Eighth he was a First Sergeant. By merit, he won the position of Lieutenant.



CAMP MARSHALL, NEAR SAN LUIS

Company A, Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

CAPTAIN, THEODORE R. VAN PELT.

FIRST LIEUTENANT, JOHN W. ALLISON.

SECOND LIEUTENANT, STEWART A. BETTS.

SERGEANTS

WILLIAM H. PAYNE, 1st. Sergeant
ABRAHAM L. BALDON
JAMES D. DUPORTE
ALFRED BALDWIN
WILLIAM H. THOMPSON
ISAAC HAYDEN

CORPORALS

JAMES T. BREWINGTON,
LESLIE CALDWELL
EUGENE COMPSOON
WALTER JUDD
PERRY B. KOPPERL
HUGH MOSBY
JOSEPH NORRIS
WILLIAM H. RHODEN
WILLIAM WHITTAKER
JOHN MASON
ARCHIE FARMER
WALTER J. NEWMAN

OSCAR GREAR, Artificer
ROLAND L. FERGUSON, Wagoner
HENRY K. HURLEY, Musician
SAMUEL CHASE, Musician
FRANK BURKS, Cook

PRIVATES

ALLEN, FRANK W
BATEMAN, JOHN
BELL, JUDGE H
BREWINGTON, LAWRENCE
BURKS, FRANK
BURNS, SMITH
CASH, JESSE M
CLAY, JOSEPH D
COLEMAN, JAMES
CUDGEL, GEORGE
DARNEY, THOMAS
DEVONSHIRE, JOHN
DORSEY, WARREN
DRAIN, VINCENT S
DURGAINS, GEORGE
DURST, ALONZO C
DYER, STRATFORD
GADDY, DANIEL
GRANT, JOHN
GRIFFIN, HENRY T
HAGANS, JOHN
HANCOCK, WILLIAM
HARPER, WADE
HARRIS, ABE
HOLMES, GEORGE A
HOLMES, OSSIE W
HUBBARD, JOHN B
ISABEL, GEORGE
JACKSON, FRANK A
JACKSON, JOHN
JACKSON, JOHN R
JACKSON, THEODORE B
JARVIS, ROBERT M
JOHNSON, ALFONZO
JOHNSON, ISAAC
JOHNSON, JAMES W
JONES, WILLIAM E
LONG, WALLACE

KING, JOHN H
MALICHI, GEORGE
MAY, JOSEPH
MOODY, THOMAS
MITCHELL, JOHN R
MITCHELL, PETER
MITCHELL, WILLIAM R
MURRAY, WILLIAM
McFADDEN, GEORGE
McPHERSON, CLARK
OLIVER, WILLIAM
PETTIFORD, NORWOOD
REED, GEORGE
REYNOLDS, MOSE
RICE, JOHN
ROBINSON, ABE
SANDERS, WILLIAM
SANDFORD, RICHARD
SHAVER, LEE
SHAW, EDWARD
SMITH, EDWARD P
SMITH, ELBERT J
SMITH, JOHN
STANLEY, REUBEN
SYKES, OTIS
TAYLOR, ALBERT
TAYLOR, JAMES B
TAYLOR, OLIVER
TIDWELL, EDWARD A
TUCKER, TAYLOR
TWITTY, ROBERT
WARD, THOMAS
WHITEHEAD, FREDERICK
WHITEHEAD, JOSEPH
WHITEHEAD, WILLIAM
WOODFOLK, ANDERSON
WOOLFOLK, BENJAMIN
WILKERSON, TOBE
HENRY C. WILSON from A. to G.
ISAAC JOHNSON, from L. to A.



LIEUTENANT GEORGE T. BAKER



CAPTAIN ADOLPHUS THOMAS



LIEUTENANT G. A. NEVELLS

CAPT. ADOLPHUS THOMAS

CAPTAIN ADOLPHUS THOMAS was born thirty-seven years ago in Hancock County, Georgia. In 1872, he was attending the public schools at Atlanta, and in 1882 he joined the National Guard of Georgia as a Sergeant in his Company. In 1885, Sergeant Thomas, at the national competitive drill, received the high honor of being the best drilled man on the field, and that fall he was elected First Lieutenant of his company. His military experience in the West began as a Sergeant in Company B of the Ninth Battalion. In 1892, he was elected First Lieutenant and became Captain in 1893. Captain Thomas is naturally a commander of men. Many times in Cuba, during the absence of a Major, he has had command of a battalion, and well did he handle it.

GEO. T. BAKER

GEO. T. BAKER, First Lieutenant of Company B, was born in New Orleans, La., Dec. 15, 1863. He spent the early years of his life in New Orleans, La., and Natchez, Miss., learning the trade of cracker baker. His military career began at the early age of eighteen, when he became a member of the Lynch Guards of Natchez, Miss., holding the commission of First Lieutenant. Upon reaching his majority, he joined the Knights of Pythias and was elected First Lieutenant in G. F. Bowles' Division, No. 18, K. of P. He came to Chicago in 1888 and joined the Ninth Battalion in 1891. He was made a Corporal in 1892, a First Sergeant in 1893, and on Nov. 5, 1895, he was elected to the office of First Lieutenant of Company B.

LIEUT. G. A. NEVELS

LIEUT. NEVELS was born in Washington, Mo., in 1867. From boyhood he was characterized by a steadfastness of purpose that knew no defeat. Seeking a wide field for himself he came to Chicago, in 1887, soon taking a leading position among his fellow-citizens. He joined the Ninth Battalion as Hospital Steward Nov. 4, 1895, and held that position until he was commissioned a Lieutenant by Gov. Tanner, July 21, 1898. He was on detached service a great portion of the time while at the front—at one time filling the position of Adjutant General on Brig. Gen. Ewers' staff. At another time he was Acting Brigade Quartermaster.



COMPANY B.

Company B, Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

CAPTAIN, ADOLPH THOMAS.

FIRST LIEUTENANT, GEO. T. BAKER.

SECOND LIEUTENANT, GUSTAVUS NEVELS.

SERGEANTS

DURRAND B. DAVIS, 1st. Sergeant.
FRANK HARTSFIELD
STUART ALEXANDER
ROBERT W. GULLY
THOMAS F. TYLER
CHAS. E. L. HENDERSON

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WM. L. SETTLES
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WM. JONES
ROBERT CARTER
JAMES L. HUNTER
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OLONZO V. CURRY
WM. J. ELLISON
CLARENCE LOVE
WM. M. WEBSTER
JAMES LOVE
FREDERICK MAKENS, Musician
HENRY HOLLIDAY, Musician
WM. D. PORTER, Artificer
BRAD. HUMPHRIES, Wagoner
HENRY J. MOORE, Cook

PRIVATEs

ANDERSON, THOMAS
BRINN, LUCIUS
BROWN, ARTHUR
BUTLER, ANTHONY F
CARTER, WM
CRAWFORD, WM

DAVIS, TIMOTHY
DAVIS, JACOB
DUNSON, JACOB
DILLYHAY, JAMES
DOWNS, ROBERT
DREWEY, WILLEON
EDWARDS, CHAS H
FRYE, JESSE
GREEN, WM H
GRIFFIN, WM H
GWIN, WALTER
HALL, JOHN H
HILL, JOHNNIE
HASKINS, FRANK
HOWARD WM
JEFFERSON, HARRY
JACKSON, ROBERT
JOINER, JOHN
KELLY, THOMAS
LAWSON, ROY
LINDSAY, ISAIAH
LEE, ISAAC
MAZE, JAMES
McDOUGAL, ADDOUN
McFERRIN, JESSE L
MOORE, WM M
NORRIS, EDWARD
OWSLEY, JESSE
PARKS, FRANK
PARKS, JOHN
PAYNE, ALBERT
PAYNE, HENRY L
PETERSON, WM H
PHILLIPS, JOSEPH A
ROSS, THEOPHILUS
SHANNON, JOHN W
SMITH, AUGUSTUS R
SMITH, HENRY
STALLCUP, CHAS. H
TALBERT, FRANK J

TERRY, JOHN M
THOMAS, GEO. S
THOMAS, WALTER
TRACEY, ROBERT B
TRAVEIS, WM H
TRIBUE, JOHN E
TRIBUNE, JOHN E
TURNER, OWSLEY
UPCHURCH, GEO
VAN, WM
WALKER, SAMUEL
WALKER, LEMUEL
WASHINGTON, JOSEPH S
WHITE, WM
WILSON, WM
WILLIAMS, MARTIN
WILLIAMS, WM H
WYATT, WM
YOUNG, GEO
YOUNG, JOHN C

DISCHARGED

Corp. JACOB D. TURNER

PROMOTED

Corp. GEO. D. WHITE, to S. M.

DECEASED

Private WALLACE JOHNSON
Private PAUL SMITH
Private SAMUEL NICKENS
Private SYLVESTER JOHNSON
Private SIMON B. PETERS
Private GEO. FARRIS



CAPTAIN CHARLES L. HUNT



LIEUTENANT JOHN W. SHREEVES

CAPT. C. L. HUNT

CHARLES L. HUNT was born June 29, 1862, in Chicago. He received his early education in what is now the heart of Chicago. He learned his A B C's in the Jones School and completed his education in the Dearborn School which stood at the time opposite to the present site of McVicker's Theater. His early ambition was to be a soldier. As a mere boy he joined the Hannibal Zouaves, remaining with them when they became Company A, Sixteenth Battalion, I. N. G. He joined Company B of the Ninth Battalion, June 17, 1891, and on May 3, 1892, was elected Second Lieutenant, holding this office until Sept. 28, 1895, when he was elected First Lieutenant. He was first put in command of Company C, being finally elected and commissioned Captain of Company C Nov. 4, 1895. Hunt's Coyote's were one of the most famous companies in the regiment and had the opportunity presented itself they would undoubtedly have proven themselves great fighters.

LIEUT. JOHN W. SHREEVES

JOHN W. SHREEVES was born in New Bedford, Mass., in 1866, receiving a fine education in the public schools, he prepared himself for the government service. He occupied a position for three and a half years in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington, D. C. In 1890, he moved West to Chicago to grow up with the country. He joined the Ninth Battalion as a private in 1894 and by successive promotions he reached the rank of First Lieutenant in 1898. While on duty at the front, he was Provost Marshal in San Luis.

LIEUT. FREDERICK D. SEARLES

LIEUT. SEARLES is a native of Chicago, and received his education in the public schools. He is one of the most versatile young men in the city of Chicago, and has held many positions requiring trust and skill. He is now an electrical mechanic—one of the very few to be found among our race. At one time he was storekeeper at the Dunning Institute; at another a deputy in the County Agent's office. He was one of the organizers of the Ninth Battalion, holding a Lieutenant's commission in 1892. While at the front he was Inspector of Rifle Practice, with the rank of Captain. He is an Odd Fellow, also a Knight of Pythias.



COMPANY C.

Company C, Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

CAPTAIN, CHAS. L. HUNT.

FIRST LIEUTENANT, JOHN W. SHREEVES.

SECOND LIEUTENANT, FRED D. SEARLES.

SERGEANTS

CAPP HADLEY, 1st Sergeant
SAMUEL P. MOTTLEY
JESSE BUTLER
JAMES D. SHREEVES
GEO. W. H. SAWYER
ALBERT JOHNSON

CORPORALS

WM. L. BROWN,
CLARENCE E. HOWARD
A. D. JACKSON
FRANK C. JONES
CHAS. KINNER
JOHN H. LUCKEY
WM. H. LUCKEY
FREDERICK T. NICKELS
ALBERT TAYLOR
JOHN THOMAS
CHAS. W. F. B. WHITE
RANSOM W. WESTBERRY

ALLEN O. PATTEN, Cook
WM. N. FUSNER, Musician
NORFLAT WATSON, Musician
JOSEPH S. SHREEVES, Artificer
NATHAN M. WATSON, Wagoner

PRIVATEs

AKERS, FRANK
ANDERSON, WM. H
BENJAMIN, LEWIS
BERRY, WM E
BROOKS, GUS M
BROWN, HASTINGS
BROWN, SAMUEL H
CARTER, JUSTIN E
CAVE, JAMES T
CHAPPLE, JERRY
CLAXTON, SAMUEL D
COLLIER, LEVI
CRAIG, WILLIAM T
CRIM, JACOB L
DAVIDSON, JOHN W
DULE, FREDERICK
DYER, CLIFFORD
FLOWERS, MONROE
FORD HERSCHEL
FORKNER, HENRY
FREEMAN, HOMER A
FREEMAN, FRANK W
GARDNER WM M
GAINES, JOHN A
HARDAWAY, HARRY B
HARDISON, AARON
HART, WINGFIELD S
HARRIS, WM R
HENRY, EARL
HIGHTOWER, FELIX
HOBSON, MORGAN
HOGAN, EDWARD
JACKSON, LAWRENCE
JACKSON, GEORGE W
JOHNSON, JERRY
JOHNSON, LEMUEL
JOHNSTON, LOUIS H

LEWIS, DAVID P
MARSHALL, GEORGE A
MAY, CHARLES A
MAY, ERNEST R
McGOWAN, SAMUEL H
McNARY, THOMAS
MITCHELL, WALTER B
MORGAN, GEORGE L. O
MUMPHUS, MOSES S
NOLAND, GARLAND
NORTON, PERCY
PEAKE, GUS
PIERCE, ALBERT
POLK, OLIVER M
POLK, WALTER H
PRYOR, CLARENCE P
REED, LIONEL
REEVES, ALEXANDER
RICHARDSON, WILLIAM K
ROBINSON, GUS
ROBINSON, LEWIS
ROSS, HARRISON B
SCALES, FRANK
SHARP, WILLIAM
SLEET, JAMES W
SMITH, BOLAN P
STREADRICK, JOSEPH J
TAYLOR CHARLES H
TAYLOR, GEORGE H
TERRELL, ROBERT
THOMAS, HENRY
THOMAS, WALTER
THOMASSON, RALPH E
UPCHURCH, BAILEY
WILLIAMS, JAMES
WILSON, JACOB
WISE, RUFUS
WHITE, GRANT



LIEUTENANT HOWARD LOVE



LIEUTENANT THADDEUS STEPP

CAPT. W. T. JEFFERSON

CAPT. W. T. JEFFERSON was born in Washington, D. C., Aug. 4, 1864, living there but a few years, when his parents moved to Derby, Conn. He obtained his early education in the public schools of that place; at the age of 18 he began an apprenticeship in a local dental parlor and continued in this work eight years. In 1889, he decided to make dentistry his life's profession, and in the fall of 1889 he entered the Dental School of Howard University of Washington, D. C. He took but one year at Howard; coming to Chicago in March, 1890, he entered the American College of Dental Surgery and graduated March 24, 1891. He immediately entered upon the practice of his profession and continued his successful practice until his country called him to arms. He early joined the Knights of Pythias and rapidly rose in favor in the most-respected order. He joined Company D of the Ninth Battalion, April 1, 1895, and was elected Second Lieutenant May 1, 1895, when the Battalion became a part of the State Militia. In November, 1895, he was unanimously elected First Lieutenant of the company he now commands. As an officer, he is the peer of any Captain in the volunteer service.

LEUT. HOWARD LOVE

LEUT. HOWARD LOVE is 34 years old. His birthplace was Urbana, Ohio, where he lived for fifteen years. He came to Chicago in 1885, and joined the Ninth Battalion at its inception in 1891. He soon was appointed a Sergeant, and was elected Second Lieutenant in 1897. When the regiment was mustered in at Springfield, he received a First Lieutenant's commission, and soon afterwards was detailed as Regiment Ordnance Officer, which position he most acceptably filled until he was mustered out. Quiet and unassuming, Howard Love has made friends and has done his duty.

THADDEUS W. STEPP

A GOOD record in the Ninth Battalion, coupled with a good ability, placed a Second Lieutenant's commission in the hands of Sergt. Thaddeus Stepp at Springfield. He has resided in Chicago since 1887, and joined the Ninth Battalion at its chartering, when 26 years of age. For several years he has been head janitor of Plymouth Congregational Church. Aside from his regular duties in Cuba Lieut. Stepp did some splendid work in photography, and brought home with him views of many interesting Cuban scenes.



GROUP OF OFFICERS AT TATTERSALL'S

Company D, Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

CAPTAIN, WILLIAM T. JEFFERSON.

FIRST LIEUTENANT, HOWARD LOVE

SECOND LIEUTENANT, THADDEUS STEPP.

SERGEANTS

CHARLES J. FIELDING, 1st. Sergeant
MOSES HOPKINS
ROBERT P. KING
GEORGE H. SMITH
EUGENE WASHINGTON
BENJAMIN PINKNEY

CORPORALS

JAMES BREWER
JOSEPH FIELDEN
FLOYD LEWIS
THOMAS DUNCAN
THOMAS PETTIS
THOMAS TURPIN
ROBERT S. TROUTMAN
RICHARD A. BOONE
WILLIAM SPARKS
LESTER HENDERSON
CARL GRANGER
TIMOTHY TYLER
ANDREW McGEE, Cook
ROBERT TINGSLEY, Artificer
CHARLES WHITE, Wagoner
DAVID A. MILLEN, Musician
EDWARD ROBINSON, Musician

PRIVATEs

ACRES, FRED
BANKS, JAMES
BLAKNEY, JOHN
BROOKS, WALTER
BROWN, ALBERT L
BROWN, WILLIAM
BLAND, FRANK
BYRD, WILLIAM
CHEERS, ARTHUR
CLAY, WALTER
COLWELL, EUGENE
CONSTANT, GEORGE J
CONWAY, JOHN F
CONWAY, WILLIAM
DOUGLAS, WILLIAM
DOZIER, ISRAEL
FRAZIER, JOSEPH
FARMER, OSBORNE P
GARLAND, EUGENE
GARNETT, WILLIAM W
GIBSON, ARTHUR
GRAYTON, WILLIAM
HALL, WILLIAM
HART, JOHN W
HAMPTON, JOHN
HAMILTON, CHARLES E
HARPER, IRA
HARRIS, ARTHUR
HAYES, FRANCIS E
HIGHTOWER, JOHN
HUNTER, PEARLE
JACKSON, HARTIE
JACKSON, THOMAS
JOHNSON, CHARLES W

JOHNSON, JOSEPH H
JOHNSON, WILLIAM
JONES, JOHN W
JORDON, JOHN H
LYNTIECON, OWEN
McGEE, WILLIAM
McQUINEY, JAMES L
MARSHALL, ALEXANDER
MOHR, WILLIAM H
MILLER, DANIEL B
PAGE, CHARLES
PATTERSON, GEORGE
PAYNE, ALEXANDER
PEARMAN, HENRY
PRUDEN, WILLIAM H
REED, ARTHUR E
RICHARDSON, WILLIAM I
RILEY, JOHN
ROBINSON, JAMES
ROBINSON WILLIAM E
ROSS, CHARLES J
ROWLAND, ROBERT E
SEALS, ROBERT W
STANFORD, JOHN G
STEWART, CLARENCE
THATCHER, WILLIAM
TOWNSEND, JAMES
TURNER, CHARLES
WILLIAMS, NOAH T
WEBSTER, JAMES L
WILLIAMS, EDWARD
WILLIAMS, GEORGE W
WILSON, JOHN
WILLIAMS, CHARLES
YOUNG, HARVEY T



CAPTAIN RICHARD P. ROOTS



LIEUTENANT ARTHUR WILLIAMS

CAPT. RICHARD P. ROOTS

WHEN Major Jackson was relieved as post commander at Palma Soriano, he was succeeded by Capt. Roots, who brought to the position an experience gained in the regular army with the Twenty-fifth Infantry. Richard Roots was born in Tuscaloosa, Ala., in 1860, and attended school in Tennessee. He came to Chicago in 1884, and has held important positions in the Post Office of that city. Gentleness, marked by decision, is Capt. Roots' predominating characteristic, and he has always been a commander who could completely control his men and retain their love and respect. At Palma, he was a most painstaking commandante. To his lot fell the investigation of numerous crimes committed by Cubans and Spaniards, and to his credit he invariably reached correct conclusions. Capt. Roots points with pride to the record made by his company in Cuba—not a man was lost by death, or by marriage with a Cuban senorita.

LIEUT. ARTHUR WILLIAMS

ARTHUR WILLIAMS was born in Athens, Ga., in 1870, and attended the public schools in that city until he reached the age of 15. He then moved to Atlanta. He enlisted in the Ninth U. S. Cavalry, being stationed at Jefferson Barracks. He reached the rank of Sergeant, acting as drill master for eight years. He then came to Chicago, and when war was declared assisted in enlisting Company E.

LIEUT. JAMES M. RAULS

JAMES M. RAULS is a natural soldier. He served five years in the regular army and was discharged as a First Sergeant. While in Cuba, Lieut. Rauls was on detached service at Palma Soriano, serving most acceptably as Post Adjutant.



COMPANY E.

Company E, Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

CAPTAIN, RICHARD P. ROOTS.

FIRST LIEUTENANT, ARTHUR WILLIAMS.

SECOND LIEUTENANT, JAMES M. RAULS.

SERGEANTS

OLIVER M. DAVIS, 1st. Sergeant
JULIUS H. JOHNSON
ARTHUR H. BROWN
FRANK L. ARMSTRONG
CHARLES A. HARPER

CORPORALS

GUILFORD E. CAMPBELL,
JOSEPH B. JOHNSON,
DAVID LOCKETT
WILLIAM RADFORD
EGBERT R. WILLIAMS
AMOS JORDAN
FRANK VERNON
BURTON WHITE
BERT COLEMAN
EDWARD D. BARBER
GEORGE EDWARDS
JOHN COLES
MINCER O. SMITH

SAMUEL C. SMITH, Cook
JOHN B. COLSTON, Musician
WATT A. SANDERS, Musician
FRANK SMITH, Artificer
HENRY BROWN, Wagoner

PRIVATEs

ABBOTT, CLIFFORD
ADAMS, GEORGE E
ALEXANDER, WICKIE
ARNOLD, THOMAS B
BERRY, EDDIE W
BLACK, HENRY
BOSLEY, EDWARD
BRANSOME, JUNIOR
BROWN, ALEXANDER
BROWN, GEORGE P
BROWN, LAWSON
BROWN, THADDEUS
COOK, ISAIAH
CARPENTER, JEFFERSON
CARROLL, ALEXANDER
CHAPPLE, CHARLES
CHAVIS, BERT
COLLINS, BUD
DAVENPORT, HARRY
DORSEY, EMORY
DREXTER, JESSE M
EDWARDS, MATTHEW
EMBRY, JORDAN A
EVANS, FRANK J
FERRILL, LOUIS
FIELDS, ALFRED
GARNETT, JOHN
GASH, WARNER
GREEN, ERNEST
GRAY, TOM
HANNAH, THOMAS
HARDY, EDWARDS F
HERRING, GEORGE W
HUBBARD, GEORGE
HUNDLEY, GEORGE
JACKSON, DAVID B
JACKSON, JESSE
JARVIS, JESSE

JASPER, GRANDSON
JOHNSON, AARON E
JOHNSON, WILLIAM
JONES, JOHN
LANKINS, JAMES A
LEVENS, PETE
LUNKE, HOWARD
LEE, JOHN G
McCONNELL, GEORGE
McGILL, ROY
McHENRY, JOE
McKINNEY, JULIAN
McNEIL, CHARLES
MOBLEY, JULIUS
MOSEY, CHARLES
MATSON, GEORGE
MATTHEWS, CHARLES
MORRIS, GEORGE W
NICKENS, IRVIN
PETTIT, WILLIAMS
PITNER, HERBERT W
PORTER, EDWARD J
QUARLES, WILLIAM
RANSOME, MADISON
ROBSON, JULIUS B
ROYAL, CHARLES
SCOTT, JOHN
SMITH, BERT
STROTHER, CHARLES
SUTPHEN, CHARLES
TAYLOR, HARRY C
WATSON, JASPER
WILKES, THOMAS
WILDER, FRANK
WILLIAMS, GEORGE
WILLIAMS, GUS
WILLIAMS, LEE
WONZER, BENJAMIN
YOUNG, FRED

COMPANY F.



CAPT. WM. B. AKERS

WM. B. AKERS was born in Columbia, Mo. in 1871. To secure the advantage of the free public school system of Chicago, he moved to that city in 1886. He entered the public schools and graduated from the North Division High School in 1891. In the public school, he showed such marked ability that everyone interested in him advised him to study law. He entered the Law School of Lake Forest University in 1892, graduating in 1894. He immediately entered practice in Chicago and rapidly rose in his profession. He has occupied many positions of trust and has filled them all with great credit. For nineteen months he was discount clerk in the Water Office of the City of Chicago, and served as U. S. Custom Inspector of the World's Fair Grounds from Feb. 1893, until March 1894. Capt. Akers has a peculiar fitness for politics and is the leading colored politician on the North Side. When the call to arms was made, Capt. Akers had a lucrative law practice which he left to take up the practice of arms. He organized and captained Company F during the whole time the company was in service.

LIEUT. CLINTON L. HILL

THERE is no more popular man in Chicago than Clinton L. Hill. He was born in Joliet in 1867; at the age of five years he moved to Galesburg, and then in a few years to Bloomington. He attended the Normal University at Bloomington for a number of years and then removed to Chicago in 1882. Lieutenant Hill is a Knight of Pythias of very high standing, at the present time holding the position of Adjutant-General of that order. He assisted in the enlistment of Company F and was elected First Lieutenant of that company. He was Post Quartermaster at the Palma Soriano, Cuba, filling the position to the satisfaction of all. "Clint" is the most popular dancing master in the city of Chicago.

LIEUT. JOHN McDONALD

JOHN McDONALD gained his military experience by ten years' service in the regular army. He has made a very efficient officer.



SPANISH TROOPS

Company F, Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

CAPTAIN, WM. B. AKERS.

FIRST LIEUTENANT, CLINTON L. HILL.

SECOND LIEUTENANT, JOHN McDONALD.

SERGEANTS

AUGUSTUS RANTUS,* 1st. Sergeant
THEODORE HAWKINS
VARIES A. DAVIS
HERMAN HECTOR
CHAS. A. BROWN
RICHARD B. BONZELL

CORPORALS

WM. TURNER
HOWARD GARDNER
GEO. W. WOOD
GEO. H. GRIFFIN
MARCELLUS W. McCALL
JARIOT McLEMORE
EDWARD BURNETT
JAMES A BURT
CHAS. LINDSAY
LOUIS PEARMAN
EMORY SNOWDON
GEO. STROTHER, Cook
JAMES A. FOX, Musician
WM. L. SCOTT, Musician
ALEX. ALFORD, Artificer
JOSEPH W. BROWN, Wagoner

PRIVATEs

ANDERSON, ADOLPH F
ANDERSON, BERT
BEAN, GEO. W

BERRY, JOHN H
BERRY, JOHN T
BLAKES, FRED
BISHOP, CHAS
BOWDEN, JOHN F
BOYD, SAM
BRENT, BERTRAND
BROWN, JOSEPH J
BROWN, JOHN R
BRYANT, GEO. H
COBB, GEO
COREY, WM. H
CORRUTHERS, OSCAR O
DOUGLASS, WM
FIELDS, MOSES
FOX, JAMES D
FOSTER, WESLEY S
FRAZIER, JAMES H
GRAY, GEO W
GOODE, WM. T
HADLEY, JOHN
HALL, GEO
HAYES, WM. F
HAYWOOD, GEO W
HOLLOWAY, FRANK
HUMPHREY, JAMES G
HYDE, JOHN
HAWKINS, GUS
JACKSON, JOHN
JACKSON, JOHN A
JACKSON, MALCOLM
JENKINS, FRANK
JOHNSON, THOMAS W
JONES, ALONZO J
LANE, JAMES
LANE, SILAS
LEEK, EDWARD
LEWIS, CLAYBORNE G

LIVERMAN, GEO
McDONALD, WALTER
McGOWAN, JACOB
MITCHELL, JOE
MORGAN, JAMES A
MORRIS, SAMUEL
MOSBY, FRANK C
NUNN, MOSES J C
PHILLIPS, SCHUYLER
PRATHER, FRED
RANDOLPH, PAYTON W
RUDD, JAMES H
SCOTT, ALBERT
STARKS, CLYDE W
STEWART, JOHN P
STEWART, WM E
STODDARD, CHAS W
STONE, THOMAS E
SYKES, GEO
TABORNE, LAFAYETTE
THOMPSON, ARTHUR
TURNER, ROBERT
WARFIELD, HAYDEN
WEAVER, WM
WHITTAKER, WESLEY
WHITE, THADDEUS M
WILLIAMS, CHAS H
WILLIAMS, SAMUEL
WILLIAMS, WM W
WILKINS, PEYTON R
WOODALL, PRINCE E
WOOLRIDGE, WM H
AMBROSE, CHARLES, discharged Jan. 27.
1899.
PARKS, ALONZO, deceased at Palma So-
riana, Feb. 4, 1899.



CAPTAIN JULIUS C. WITHERSPOON



LIEUTENANT CHARLES M. REECE

CAPT. JULIUS WITHERSPOON

PROBABLY no man in the regiment has had a more varied career than Captain Julius Witherspoon. He was born at Archidelpia, Ark., 1859, receiving his education and early business training in that town. After spending twenty-four years in his native home, he decided to go out into the world and seek his fortune. He came to Bloomington in 1884 and began his new career as a farmer, working for O. Barnard, the largest agriculturist of that section of the State. He left the employ of Mr. Barnard to enter that of the great stock dealer, I. H. Light. He enjoyed the entire confidence of both of these gentlemen and soon rose to the position of confidential man in both places. When war was declared, he was a policeman in the City of Bloomington.

LIEUT. H. W. JAMESON

HENRY W. JAMESON left the ministry to join the Eighth Illinois. Lieut. Jameson obtained his literary education at Knox College, and then bent his energies towards the study of theology. For the past few years, he has made a distinct success in the newspaper and publishing lines, and was early selected for a commission when the regiment was being formed. In Cuba, as Judge Advocate, his work met the commendation of his superior officers.

LIEUT. CHARLES M. REECE

CHAS. M. REECE was born at Bowling Green, Mo., in 1858, receiving his early education and learning the trade of barber in his old home. He left Bowling Green in 1888, coming to Jacksonville, Ill. He is a tonsorial artist of wide repute in his community, but the confinement of the occupation was injurious to his health. When he enlisted in the volunteer service he was employed as messenger at the Railway and Warehouse Commission at Springfield.



COMPANY G.

Company G, Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

CAPTAIN, JULIUS C. WITHERSPOON.

FIRST LIEUTENANT, HENRY W. JAMESON.

SECOND LIEUTENANT, CHARLES M. REECE.

SERGEANTS

AUGUSTUS G. SMITH, 1st. Sergeant
JAMES M. COURTNEY
WICKLIFFE SMITH
DAVID H. MOORE
IRA O. GUY
JESSE H. WAGGENER

CORPORALS

WILLIAM T. JORDAN
DELMAR E. LEE
CASH C. TOLIVER
LEWIS LIVINGSTON
WILLIAM R. CLARK
JAMES H. SIMONS
NOBLE D. LAMB
JEREMIAH PROSER
HARRY D. RODGERS
EUGENE THOMAS
JOHN H. H. HAWKINS
HENRY C. WILSON

CHARLES HARDIN, Cook
JOSEPH G. WILSON, Musician
SAMUEL HARDIMAN, Artificer
FRED MURPHY, Wagoner

PRIVATEs

ANDERSON, CHARLES S
BELL, SHIRLEY D
BELL, WILLIAM
BLAKE, FINUS
BROWN, BLAND
BROWN, EMMANUEL W S
BROWNER, JAMES
BURNETT, HAYES
BURNS, MERRILL
BRYANT, WILLIAM
BOYD, WILLIAM
CROUSE, WILLIAM P
DAVIS, FRANK L
DAVIS, JOSEPH
DUNN, JOHN
EARLY, DANIEL
FEARS, A. M
GIBBS, DAVID
GAINES, JOSEPH B
GLASSCO, CHARLES H
GRAY, FRANK
GRISLE, GRANDVILLE
HARDIN, JAMES
HARDIN, WILLIAM
HENRY, ED
HOBBS, DAVIE G
HOLLY, JOHN
HUBBARD, ALBERT
JACOBS, CASSIDY
JACKSON, LEBERT
JOHNSON, WILLIAM D
JONES, CHARLIE
JONES, WILLIAM M
KEMP, CHARLIE

KNIGHT, NOBLE
LANE, JOHN
LEE, JAMES H
LEWIS, NATHANIEL
LEWIS, PHILIP
MADISON, SIDNEY
MARTIN, CHARLES E
McDONALD, VIRGIL
MILOM, HART
MYERS, CHARLES
NICKENS, WARDNER
PATTON, JAMES N
PENNIX, JOHN
ROLLINS, WILLIAM P
RILEY, HARDIN
ROBERTS, HAYES L
ROBERTSON, WILLIAM
SMITH, ARTHUR
SMITH, WILLIAM
STIPES, JOSEPH
SUBLETT, SAMUEL
SAMUELS, GEO. W
SAMUELS, JAMES A
THOMAS, EVERETT
TICKNOR, JED
TURNER, MIKE
WALKER, NELSON
WATSON, WILLIAM A
WHITE, SAMUEL F
WILEY, WILLIE
WILLIAMS, WATHER
WILLIAMS, SPENCER
WRIGHT, CHESTER
YANCEY, WILLIAM
YARBERRY, FRANK
YOUNG, CHARLES H



LIEUTENANT RICHARD C. ROSS



CAPTAIN WILLIAM D. HODGE



LIEUTENANT WALTER J. JACKSON

CAPT. WILLIAM D. HODGE

CAPTAIN WILLIAM DARRELL HODGE has the distinction of being the youngest Captain in the Eighth Regiment. He first saw the light of day in Quincy, Ill., 1875. In 1879, his parents moved to Springfield, Ill., which place has been his home ever since. His father was a veteran of the Civil War and much of the martial spirit of the father was inherited by the son. He was the organizer of the Sons of Veterans Corps of Springfield, joining as a private in 1891; by steadfastness of purpose and devotion to duty, he rose to the rank of Captain in 1894. Captain Hodge by diligent work, aided by able assistants, succeeded in making Company H one of the "crack" companies of the regiment.

LIEUT. RICHARD C. ROSS

ALTON, ILL., is the birthplace of Richard C. Ross. Born in 1870, he lived in his native city until he reached the age of 17, then removing to Springfield. At the time of his enlistment, he was the second cook at the Leland Hotel of that city. He is such a trustworthy man that in times of emergency he has been given full charge of the house. He is also First Lieutenant in the Sons of Veterans' Corps of Springfield.

LIEUT. WALTER J. JACKSON

BALTIMORE, MD., is the birthplace of Walter Jackson. He is twenty-nine years old. In 1895 he joined the Ninth Battalion as a private, and when the regiment was called to Springfield he wore the stripes of a Sergeant. He was mustered in as Second Lieutenant, and has done faithful and consistent service.



COMPANY H.

Company H, Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

CAPTAIN, WILLIAM D. HODGE.

FIRST LIEUTENANT, RICHARD C. ROSS.

SECOND LIEUTENANT, WALTER J. JACKSON.

SERGEANTS

ROBERT BLAKEMAN, 1st. Sergeant
HENRY WILLIAMS
OLIVER CURTIS
HENRY A. BROADY
FRANK L. LEWIS
JOSEPH RICHARDSON

CORPORALS

JOSEPH MORGAN,
HARRY ROSS
WILLIAM FARMER
ELIAS KIRBY
JAMES HATCHER
DAVID EDWARDS
CHARLES ROSE
LUTHER KING
GEORGE BEARD
FRANK BURNS
ABRAHAM L. MORGAN
EVERTT WATTS

GEORGE HARRIS, Cook
FREDERICK PARKER, Musician
IRA KING, Musician
CHARLES HOLMAN, Artificer
JOSEPH WELLS, Wagoner

PRIVATE S

ADAMS, ROBERT
ALEXANDRA, GEORGE
BLACKFORD, WILLIAM
BLAND, AUBRY

BRABOY, KIT
BISHOP, CHARLES
BROWN, ALLEN
BROWN, BELTON
BROWN, DANIEL
BURKS, WALTER
BURTON, MILUS
BURTON, GEORGE
BENNETT, ROBERT
CALHOUN, RALPH
CARTER, GILES
DICKENS, HARRY
DIXON, JAMES
DONNEGAN, WILLIAM
EDWARDS, JOSEPH
ENSAW, CHARLES
FARMER, JOHN JR
FORD, FRANK
GLOVER, LOUIS
GREENLEAF, ELIJAH
GILES, DAVID
HALL, ROBERT
HARDIN, ANDREW
HATCHER, ELLIS
HICKS, WILLIAM
HILL, HENRY
HOLMAN, RALPH
HOGAN, CHARLES
HUBBARD, JAMES
JOHNSON, ALBERT
JONES, JOHN
JOHNSON, ARTHUR D
KIRBY, PAUL
LACEY, GEORGE
LOOMIS, GEORGE
LOOMIS, WILLIAM
LUCAS, JAMES
MAHR, DAVID
MARSHALL, GEORGE

MEREDITH, AMOS
MILLER, HENRY
MINNARD, HARDY
MOORE, CHARLES
MARSHALL, WESLEY
MAHR, MAJOR
MARSHALL, LENARD
ORENDORF, ELIJAH
POLLARD, WILLIAM
PETTIT, WILLIAM
PEYTON, WILLIAM
PARKER, LORENZA
OUARELLS, GEORGE
RAGLAND, WILLIAM
RAY, GRANVILLE
REDEEN, NEUMAN
RICKETT, BENJAMIN
ROBINSON, JAMES
ROSS, CHARLES
RUCKER, ELECK
SMITH, WILLIAM
SETTLERS, SAMUEL
SANDERS, JOSEPH
THOMPSON, ALBERT
TABORN, JOHN
VERNON, FRANK
WILLIAMS, JOHN
WILLIAMS, LOUIS
WILLIAMS, NOAH
WILLIAMS, REUBEN
WRIGHT, ROBERT
WASHINGTON, ALEXANDRA
WASHINGTON, ROBERT
WASHINGTON, FREDERICK
WATKINS, CHARLES
WEBB, JAMES
WORMLEY, EDWARD
YORK, WILLIAM
WALTON, JAMES C



LIEUTENANT WILLIAM H. DALLAS



CAPTAIN FREDERICK J. BALL, JR.



LIEUTENANT ROBERT F. RADCLIFFE

CAPT. FREDERICK BALL, JR.

FREDERICK BALL, JR., was born in Quincy, Ill., Dec. 5th, 1865. In 1883, he was graduated from the city high school, and soon afterwards commenced the study of law. After a complete course in the Chaddock Law College he was admitted to the bar in November, 1895. He built up a splendid practice, and soon became the leading colored citizen in that section. When Col. Marshall was casting about for a suitable man to recruit a company in Quincy, his choice naturally fell upon Frederick Ball. In securing recruits, he was particularly fortunate, and Capt. Ball's company soon became a company of soldiers.

LIEUT. WILLIAM H. DALLAS

WILLIAM DALLAS was born in Quincy, Ill., in 1877. He attended the public schools of that city, afterwards learning the butcher's trade. He was working at his trade when the call for troops was made. Entering the service as a Sergeant, Lieutenant Dallas received more promotions than any man in the regiment—two commissions coming to him in less than two months.

LIEUT. ROBERT RATCLIFFE

THE Second Lieutenant of Company I won his commission in the service. He enlisted as Sergeant Major, performed his duties most acceptably, and was rewarded with a promotion. In Chicago, Lieutenant Ratcliffe held an important position in the Postoffice, which has been held open for him during his absence. During the temporary absences of Adjutant Thompson, Lieut. Ratcliffe performed exceedingly well the duties of that important office.



APPROACH TO MORRO CASTLE

Company I, Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

CAPTAIN, FREDERICK BALL, JR.

FIRST LIEUTENANT, WILLIAM H. DALLAS.

SECOND LIEUTENANT, ROBERT F. RATCLIFFE.

SERGEANTS

CHARLES S. S. MORRISON, 1st. Sergeant
CHARLES O. ROBINSON
CHARLES H. PETERSON
SAMUEL DUNCAN
WILLIAM W. PERKINS
JOSEPH W. JORDAN

CORPORALS

JAMES DENNING
SOLOMON L. LESTER
THOMAS W. ROBINSON
JAMES W. CROPP
HERBERT WILLIAMS
BAILEY BUTLER
JOHN W. BALL
JOHN W. GRIFFIN
WILLIAM GRIFFY
EDWARD H. JOHNSON
JOHN GLOVER
WILLIAM WARD

WILLIAM E. WOODS, Cook
JAMES A. MOSBY, Musician
WILLIAM DIAMOND, Musician
TAYLOR WHEELER, Artificer
ROBERT CROCKETT, Wagoner

PRIVATEs

ARTIS, SILAS
BARNES, BERTIE
BERNARD, LOUIS II
BELL, WILLIAM F
BLUE, WILLIAM
BLACKBURN, JOHN W
BRUINGTON, BAANA
BRUINGTON, LEMUEL
BROWN, WILLIAM A
BUCKNER, BEN
BURRELL, HENRY M
BUTLER, SMITH
BUSH, EDWARD
BALL, WILLIAM W
CLARK, JOSEPH J
COMBS, JOHN A
COBY, WILLIAM
DAVIS, MORTON
DEAN, HONOR
DOUGLAS, THOMAS
DOTSON, WILLIAM
DORSEY, JOHN II
ELLIS, ARTHUR
FOSTER, ERNEST L
FINLEY, WALTER R
GASKIN, SIMON
GASKIN, CHARLES D
GILSTRAP, ROBERT
GIBSON, ROBERT
GREEN, SAMUEL
HARRISON, JOHN H
HARRISON, ELMER
HARRISON, HENRY
HARRIS, ROBERT
HARVEY, ANTHONY J
HICKS, ALBERT L
HENRY, HERMAN D

JACKSON, LORENZY
JEFFERSON, ARNOLD
JEFFERSON, JESSE
JOWLS, CHARLES A
JOHNSON, WILLIAM
JOHNSON, GEORGE W
LONGMEYER, JOHN
MAXWELL, CHARLIE
MARSHALL, JOHN E
McCRAY, JOHN
McWILLIAMS, GEORGE
MARTIN, EDWARD
MORRIS, WILLIAM
MOORE, FRANK
MITCHELL, HARRY H
MERRITT, DAVID
MILLER, EDWARD
NEWBOLT, HENRY
PARRISH, SIMON P
PERKINS, JOHN H. JR
PHIPPS, EDGAR
PHOENIX, WILLIAM
PENIX, ROBERT L
PLUMMER, CHARLEY
PRIDE, JOHN A
RELEFORD, WILLIAM A
RICHARDSON, PHILIP
ROLAND, JOHN
SHAW, MILLARD A
SANSEBURY, WILLIAM
SMITH, AARON D
SMITH, TYSON H
SPENCER, MARION
SIMINGTON, CHARLES
THOMPSON, ANDY
THOMPSON, WILLIAM W
WARD, FRED
WASHINGTON, WILLIAM
WALKER, JOHN M



LIEUTENANT WILLIAM CARTER



CAPTAIN LEON W. DENISON



LIEUTENANT JAMES WASHINGTON

CAPT. LEON W. DENISON

LEON W. DENISON, brother of Major Frank Denison, was born in San Antonio, Tex. He prepared for the University of Michigan in the public schools of his home. Captain Denison spent two years in the University of Michigan, taking a special course in history, logic and rhetoric preparatory to the study of law. He entered the Chicago College of Law in 1896, and at the time of his enlistment was a senior in that institution. He enlisted as a private in the Eighth Regiment and was unexpectedly appointed Captain of Company K by the Governor. He took a green company, and by skill and persistence formed it into one of the best companies of the regiment. Leon Denison is one of the most able and popular young men in the city of Chicago. He lays no claims to being a politician, but stands high in the councils of both city and county politicians.

LIEUT. WILLIAM CARTER

LIEUT. WILLIAM CARTER, the smallest and best-natured officer in the regiment, was born forty-eight years ago in the Old Dominion. In 1863, he moved to Litchfield, Ill., entered the field of business, and made a pronounced success. During the formation of the Eighth Regiment, no man was more active, or more successful, in securing recruits than Lieut. Carter. A capable officer, genial, courteous, and at all times a credit to his uniform is the record of Lieut. Carter.

LIEUT. JAMES W. WASHINGTON

JAMES W. WASHINGTON, the fighting parson, was born at La Grange, Mo., in 1863. He received his early education in his native city. At that time, it was his highest aim to be a minister of the gospel and a leader of his people. He was ordained a Baptist minister at Davenport, Iowa, Oct. 15, 1886. Lieut. Washington was Chief City Oil Inspector for two and a half years at Monmouth, Ill.; leaving that position, he became editor and publisher of the Douglas Optic, the first colored paper ever published in Knox County, Illinois. This field becoming too narrow for a man of his abilities, he moved in 1896 to Rock Island, Ill. He took an active part in the enlistment of his company, and afterwards as a Lieutenant met all the requirements of a soldier. While located at San Luis, he filled the position of Provost Marshal with great distinction.



COMPANY K

Company K, Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

CAPTAIN, LEON DENISON.

FIRST LIEUTENANT, WILLIAM CARTER.

SECOND LIEUTENANT, J. W. WASHINGTON.

SERGEANTS

GEO. D. CARTER, 1st. Sergeant
WILLIAMS, WILLIAM
WELLINGTON CROCKETT
DANIEL LUCAS
SMITH HALL
SOLOMON WILLIAMS

CORPORALS

PHILLIP DAVIS
JOSEPH YEAGER
RUFUS YEAGER
GRANT WARD
JOHN SPEARMAN
WILLIAM JONES
GEORGE HAYES
WILLIAM REDMOND
FRED HOLMES
JOSEPH WILSON
EDWARD LEE
ALEXANDER BUSH

HENRY BOWENS, Cook
HARRISON PORTER, Artificer
SYLVESTER McALLISTER, Wagoner
JOHN JACKSON, Musician
HORACE ALEXANDER, Musician

PRIVATEs

ALBRITTON, TOLBERT
ALLEN, CHRISTOPHER
ANDERSON, HARRY
BAKER, GEORGE
BAKER, JAMES
BELL, JOHN
BELL, WILLIAM
BIRCH, WILLIAM
BAILEY, LAFAYETTE
BRANCH, FREDERICK
BRAMM, JAMES
BROWN, CORNELIUS
BROWN, FREMONT
O'BRYANT, HENRY
BUTLER, GEORGE
CARPER, MARTIN
COLLINS, ROSS
COOPER, CHESTER
CURTIS, BENJAMIN
CURTIS, JOEL
EAVES, GEORGE
EDENS, JAMES
EDWARDS, BENJAMIN
EVANS, WALTER
FERGUSON, JOHN
GORDON, CHAYLON
GRANT, JAMES
HARRIS, JAMES
HAYES, ROBERT
HUNTER, GEORGE
HYATT, RICHARD
JACKSON, ANDREW
JACKSON, JAMES
JOHNSON, A W
JOHNSON, JOHN
JOHNSON, WILLIAM
JOHN, TILTON
JONES, FRANK

JAMES, JOSEPH L
KEELING, JOHN
KNOX, JOSEPH
KNIGHT, LUCIUS
LEE, ERNEST
LEE, EDWARD
LETCHER, EDDIE
LEWIS, WILLIAM
LOGAN, FRANK
MAYS, JOHN
McKANE, NEUT
MITCHEL, FREDRICK
MOORE, FRANK
OWENS, C. W.
PEAIR, TONIE
RAYMOND, HUGH
REDMOND, EVERETTE
ROSS, W. A.
RUSH, GRANT
SCOTT, WILLIAM
SUMMERS, EARL
SMITH, WILLIAM
SMITH, T. T.
STANLEY, LEONARD
TAGGART, HENRY
TERRELL, EDWARD
TERRY, HENRY
TITSWORTH, DAVID
VANDERMUS, ANDREW
WADDLE, AARON
WALKER, WILLIS
WHITE, JOSEPH
WILSON, WASHINGTON
WALLACE, JAMES
VALENTINE, IRA
PENDLETON, ELMER
THOMAS, JOHN R
CLAYPOOL, AUSTIN
COEFIELD, EDWARD
NORTH, JOHN



LIEUTENANT JOHN W. W. LADEN



LIEUTENANT HORACE G. BURKE

CAPT. GEORGE V. LANE

GEORGE V. LANE is reputed to be the handsomest officer in the regiment. When Capt. Lane left his home to lead his company to the front, he was serving his third term as County Commissioner. By profession the captain is a lawyer.

LIEUT. JOHN W. W. LADEN

JOHN W. W. LADEN was born in Mound City, Ill., in 1873. He received his early education in the schools of his native city, afterwards attending the high school at Metropolis. He left the Metropolis High School to complete his course at the Evanston High School preparatory to a collegiate course in Northwestern University. When war was declared he was working on a farm to replenish his funds in order that he might complete his university course.

LIEUT. H. G. BURKE

HORACE G. BURKE was born July 4, 1872, at Houston, Tex. He passed the early years of his life in his native State, moving to Metropolis, Ill., in January, 1883. He enlisted in Company L at the first organization of that company, leaving a thriving and remunerative live stock business for the defense of his country. He enlisted as a First Sergeant and was promoted on the field in Cuba to Second Lieutenant. He proved himself to be an efficient officer in every respect, discharging his duties in such a gentlemanly manner that he won the esteem of the entire regiment. He has always been a prominent figure in the southern part of the State, and bids fair to become one of the leaders of his race.



COMPANY L.

Company L, Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

CAPTAIN, GEO. V LANE.

FIRST LIEUTENANT, JOHN W. W. LADEN.

SECOND LIEUTENANT, HORACE G. BURKE.

SERGEANTS

JOEL T. LLOYD, 1st. Sergeant
HARLAND A. HOARD
ROBERT T. SIMS
WM. T. STEPHENS
CLARENCE E. THOMPSON
BEN J. HOLLINS

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ROB GLOVER
J. W. PARKS
GEO. W. HUGHES
WM. MOORE
WALTER I. LIPSCOME
ARTHUR CARR
FLEMIN FISHER
JAMES MEALS
JOHN W. PASCHIEL
FELIX DAILY
GEO. G. ANDERSON
ALEX. JOHNSON

EDWARD BIDDLE, Cook
THOMAS HARMON, Artificer
HILMON DAVIS, Wagoner
JOHN WHITNER, Musician
WM. G. LLOYD, Musician

PRIVATEs

ADAMS, Ed H.
ADAMS, JOSEPH
ALLEN, JOHN D
ALLEN, WALTER
BLITHE, JAMES H
BRADLEY, ANTHONY
BROWN, WM. D
BROWN, Geo
BURROWS, GEO
COUSINS, WM. E.
CROCKET, REUBEN
DALTON CHAS. R
DUNNING, THOMAS
EDWARDS, ROB A
EDWARDS, JOHN
EVANS, HY
FLAKES, FATE
GIBSON, SAMUEL
GORDAN, ELIJAH A
GRAHAM, WM. G
HAYES, GEO H
HAGLER, WILEY A
HENRY, FELIX H
HENDERSON, OTRESS H
HYNES, EMERSON E
HOFFMAN, SAMUEL
HUGHES, ALFRED
JOHNSON, THOMAS
JONES, JESSE
KING, EMERSON
KIRBY, HY
KIMBALL, JOHN
LISHMAN, BENJAMIN
LONG, HY
LANE, JR., GEO V
McCRACKIN, WALLACE L

McCURRY, SONEY
McCURRY, GEO
McKAY, SAMUEL
MANN, JOE
MILES, WM
MORGAN, JAMES G
MOORE, PORTER
MILLER, WILSON
MILLER, FRANK
NOBLE, WM
NEWSON, JESSE
ORINGTON, CLARENCE
PAYNE, CLEMNIE E
POLLARD, JUDGE
REEDE, ROLLAND
REEDE, WM
ROBINSON, JOE
ROBINSON, JAMES M
ROLLINS, JOHN
SMITH, JOHN W
SMITH, GUS
SMITH, ARTHUR G
SMOOT, JOHN F
STEWART, ULYSSES
TURNER, JEFF
TAYLOR, ELIAS
THOMPSON, GEO
THOMPSON, HARRY E
THOMAS, CHAS
TILLER, WM
UZZELL, McRae
WATERS, LEWIS
WEBSTER, HORACE
WHITE, JOHN
WHITNER, ELIJAH
WILSON, LEVY
WILSON, PETER
WILLIAMS, EDDIE T



LIEUTENANT WILLIAM A. DONALDSON



CAPTAIN JOSEPH W. MCADOO



LIEUTENANT NATHAN DAVIS

CAPT. JOSEPH W. McADOO

JOSEPH W. McADOO was born in Gibson County, Kentucky, in 1869. For the last fifteen years Cairo has been his home, and he by reason of his natural strength of character and energy, was early selected to be one of the officers in Company M. In the field, Captain McAdoo was a good tactician and a thorough gentleman. His company is noted for lack of friction, and the comradeship so general amongst his men.

LIEUT. WM. DONALDSON

ONE of the quietest, most willing officers of the line is Lieut. Donaldson. He served his military apprenticeship in the 24th U. S. Infantry, and was well fitted for the more important duties with the Eighth. One of his superior officers said of him: "Whenever everyone else was worn out and ready to rest, Lieut. Donaldson was always ready to carry out orders."

LIEUT. NATHAN DAVIS

NATHAN DAVIS was born in Pittsylvania County, Va., in 1865. He moved to Cairo, Ill., in 1887, and immediately took a leading place among the men of his race. Lieut. Davis is a self-made man in the fullest sense of the word. By the hardest knocks, he was enabled to reach the enviable position he now holds. He has always been a lover of his race, and any measure that would advance the interests of the race, he advocated with all his great soul. He has always been true to himself and to his friends—that is the secret of his success. He took an active part in recruiting Company M and the improvement of that company, and thereby the regiment has been his greatest delight. His gentlemanly and soldierly ways have endeared him to both officers and men.



COMPANY M

Company M, Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

CAPTAIN, JOSEPH W. McADOO.

FIRST LIEUTENANT, WILLIAM H. DONALDSON.

SECOND LIEUTENANT, NATHAN DAVIS

SERGEANTS

WILLIAM M. WATSON, 1st. Sergeant
HENRY D. DOUGLAS
CHARLEY TRUELOCK
WILLIAM BUCKNER
JAMES W. MOSS
GEORGE H. LANE

CORPORALS

SAMUEL PHILLIPS
JUDGE J. PHINNESSEE
GEORGE CLEMONS
JOSEPH J. WINBISH
JAMES A. WILSON
BENJAMIN H. SHANKLIN
ALFRED THOMAS
MAJOR WILLIFORD
DEMPSY SUMNER
EDWARD PATTERSON
ISAIAH C. DILLARD
JEFFERSON SMITH
FRANK NEAL

LOGAN WHITE, Musician
ABRAHAM EZICAH, Musician
EDWARD WRIGHT, Artificer
JOSEPH DAVIS, Wagoner

PRIVATEs

ALLEN, ELMORE
AMOS, RICHARD
BAKER, WILLIAM
BRADSHAW, CHARLEY
BIRDSONG, DENNA
BRIDGES, CLIFTON
BROWN, JOHN M
BAKER, LAWSON
BURNETT, RICHARD
BRACY, RICHARD
BUCKHANON, WILLIAM
COMBS, DELACY
COOK, HEZICAH
CLARK, JOHN
COLE, RUFUS W
CARTER, WILLIS
DUDLY, FRANK
DOUGLAS, JAMES D
DUEPREE, WILLIAM
ELLIOTT, SIMON
EVERETT, WILLIAM
EWING, IRA
DENNIS, FARROW
DENNIS, FAGAN
FIELDS, JOHN
FREEMAN, PETER
FOULTZ, WILLEY
GREER, SAMUEL
GASKIN, STEPHEN
GATEN, DAVID
HERRON, ALBERT
HILL, JOHN
HAYNES, ROBERT
HOLLY, PLESS
JACKSON, ANDREW
JOYNER, THOMAS
JOHNSON, ALBERT
JOHNSON, WALTER

JONES, WALTON F
KNOWLES, HARDY L
KNOWLES, JOHN B
LAMBERT, EDWARD
LEACH, WILLIAM
McKISIC, THOMAS
MITCHELL, WILLIAM
MITCHELL, EDWARD
MOSBY, GEORGE B.
MOPPINS, JOHN
MORRIS, MITCHELL
MORRIS, NEPP
MARTIN, WALTER
MARTIN, JOHN H
MATHES, SIMON
MOSS, ALEX.
NOONAN, ALLIE
NEWTON, ALEX
NEWSOME, FRANK
OWENS, CHARLEY
PILLAR, ALLEN
PEARSON, HENRY
RIST, JAMES
ROSS, JAMES
RILES, JOHN R
SMITH, EDWARD
SMITH, JOHN T
SCAGGS, JAMES
SILVERS, NATHANIEL
STEVERSON, WILLIAM
THOMAS, EDWARD
TUCKER, SIDNEY
THOMPSON, JOSEPH
TANCIL, CHARLEY
WATKINS, EDWARD
WADE, GEORGE
WASHINGTON, JAMES W
WARD, JACK
WHITE, JOSEPH
WILLIAMS, REECY



COMPANY H BREAKING CAMP AT SAN LUIS
CUBAN BOYS IN THE FOREGROUND

HISTORY.

A history of the Eighth Illinois Volunteers is an epoch in the history of the negro in America.

Ever since Crispus Attucks, the world has known that the black man has undaunted courage; that he is obedient to command; and that he possesses,—thanks to his unfortunate ancestors,—a hearty constitution, and the faculty of being satisfied with an humble diet. In a word he is the ideal private soldier.

Sherman and Sheridan have testified to this fact; after Appomattox, Lee averred that without the aid of the negro soldiers, the North could never have conquered him; and Gen. McClellan said, "Give me an army of black men, and I will defy the world."

Negroes as officers would be an experiment. Theirs, heretofore, was to obey, not to command. They

were always to be led, never to lead. Though his shoulders were broad, they were too narrow to bear the gilded shoulder straps. Though his hands were strong, they were too brawny to wield the commander's glittering sword.

They possessed that enthusiasm which led to noble deeds, but they had not yet learned to command, or to be commanded by members of their own race.

Prejudice, rank and insurmountable had continually barred, to the colored youth, the doors of the nation's great military academy. Laws, enacted in the post bellum days, absolutely forbade, in the negro regiments in the regular army,—the promotion which merit or valor might deserve.

Only one avenue leading to the upper grades remained to him,—the state militia. In various states,

companies and battalions were organized, and in 1891 the afterwards celebrated Ninth Battalion of Chicago was formed. Up this single avenue it marched, storming citadels of opposition, leaping trenches of spiteful intrigue, repelling newspaper and legislative attacks, but always on the way upward.

For seven years the Ninth Battalion was the negroes' West Point. Nothing marked their Freshman, Sophomore and Junior years save many nights of hard drill, several brilliant parades, and now and then a solemn march when a comrade was borne to his final resting place. But political events were shaping themselves to give these soldier students a memorable senior year,—a senior year that was to end with a commencement that was indeed a beginning of greater things.

In the spring of 1898, the world was expecting Congress to declare war with Spain. Diplomacy had utterly failed to gain for the tottering Cubans a single tangible concession of liberty, or the right to live.

The press was clamoring for war; the pulpit prayed for intervention; and the people regarded every strong voiced jingo as a defender of the down-trodden, and an exponent of liberty. War was inevitable and the citizen soldiery was preparing for it.

On April 23rd, Congress declared that "a state of war existed between the United States and Spain," and the students in the West Point of the Negroes thought that their day of graduation was at hand. They knew that they belonged to the state militia and that it was upon the state militia that the government relied for its first soldiers. At last, the experiment was to be made,—negro troops, with negro officers were to be called into the service. At last, the American negro was to be given a chance to fight for his less fortunate kinsmen in Cuba.

April 24th, the President's proclamation calling for 175,000 troops was issued, and under the allotment to States, Illinois was to furnish seven regiments of infantry and one regiment of cavalry,—no battalion was mentioned. The state's seven regiments departed for Springfield, and every militiaman

in the state who was willing to fight for his country, except those of the Ninth Battalion, was to be given a musket. Was it misfortune, or was it prejudice? Popular opinion chose the latter, but developments showed that it was the former.

The day following the issuance of the call, a committee composed of John R. Marshall, Robert R. Jackson, Franklin Denison, E. H. Wright, Rev. R. C. Ransom, Rev. J. W. Thomas and S. B. Turner proceeded to Springfield to ascertain from Governor Tanner why the Battalion had not been included in the call. The Governor explained the situation. Seven regiments had been called, and there were seven complete regiments in the state service, leaving no place for an unattached battalion. "However," he said, "if a second call be issued, I will give you the opportunity to recruit the battalion to a regiment, and will call that regiment first into the service. Furthermore I will promise you that every officer in that regiment will be a colored man." How fully and well he kept this promise the world knows.

Then came the trying days. Two new companies

were being formed in Chicago, one in Quincy, one each in Springfield, Cairo, Mound City, Litchfield and Bloomington, and men for these companies were coming in from all the surrounding towns and villages. In some companies, election of officers were held and drilling was commenced; in other enthusiasm was the predominating feature. Recruits were easily obtained, but were just as easily lost after they had grown weary of weeks of waiting. New men to take their places were found by the tireless recruiting officers, despite the ever increasing cry that "the Eighth will never be called." Men who had given up their positions preparatory to going to the front, got them back again, or began to grumble at the long delay. Pessimists, and that class of men who discourage every enterprise, now loudly proclaimed that the government had no use for the negro soldier, and on the surface their cry appeared to be a sorrowful truth. Splendid specimens of manhood applied at the recruiting stations of the regular army only to be told that they could not be enlisted except for service in the kitchen, or as order-

lies. Applicants at the naval recruiting stations received similar replies, but the new Eighth Regiment bided its time.

It was at this time that Capt. John R. Marshall of Company A of the Battalion showed his splendid ability as an organizer. Aided and counselled at every turn by Capt. James H. Johnson, Adjutant of the battalion, and reinforced and assisted by Capt. Robert Jackson of Company D., his every movement tended to lend strength and centralization to the widely scattered groups of men who were fast becoming discouraged waiting for a chance to defend their flag, and to fight for their people. In Chicago beds and food were supplied at the Armory for those who had come to the city with but little money, and who had expended it during the long wait. Frequent messages of encouragement were sent out through the state to the various recruiting officers, and meanwhile the war progressed.

The 25th day of May, President McKinley issued his second proclamation calling for 75,000 men, and twenty days later, Governor Tanner issued the order,

commanding the Eighth and Ninth Regiments to proceed to Camp Tanner to prepare for service at the front.

The day and night of June 30th, 1899 will long be remembered in Chicago. Everywhere during the day, could be seen soldiers loaded with luggage centering to the Armory at Michigan Ave. and Thirteenth St. That night, authenticated rumor said as it had often said before—the “boys” would surely leave for Springfield, and this time rumor was right.

The night of June 30th saw the entire regiment on the road to Springfield. From Chicago went seven hundred, from Cairo one hundred and twenty-five; from Quincy a full company; and from Mound City, Metropolis and Litchfield came smaller numbers, while nearly a full company from Springfield was already at the State Fair Grounds, now called Camp Tanner.

The Adjutant's report for July 2nd showed about one thousand men in camp,—and also showed that

active recruiting was necessary. Franklin A. Denison, Maj. Robert R. Jackson and Lieut. John Hawkins were dispatched to various cities as recruiting officers, and within a few days the required number were obtained.

Then came the days of organization, equalization and preparation. The United States Mustering Officer, Lieut. Ballou, was on the ground ready and anxious to transform the citizens into soldiers, and the surgeons of the Eighth and Ninth were conducting the physical examinations with all possible speed. On July 18th Company A. was sworn in amid the cheers of the entire body of volunteers. Daily, thereafter, one, or more companies took the oath and at eleven o'clock of the morning of July 23rd, John R. Marshall swore to perform faithfully the duties as Colonel, and the long-looked-for, and the long-hoped-for, experiment was under way. The muster roll showed 1,195 men and 76 officers, every man of them of African descent with but a single exception,—a private in one of the Chicago companies.

Tented on the same camp grounds was the Ninth Illinois under Col. Campbell, the junior of the Eighth in theory, but in fact its senior since it was ordered to Springfield first. Early in August, the Ninth received orders to prepare to move to a southern camp en route for Cuba. Great was the rejoicing in that camp, and great was the sorrow in the camp of the Eighth at being left behind. The Ninth left, and again was heard that same old pessimistic cry that had been so prominent in Chicago,—that the government did not want colored soldiers.

At this stage Gov. Tanner visited the camp and in a speech said, "even from the very doors of the White House have I received letters asking and advising me not to officer this regiment with colored men, but I promised to do so, and I have done it. I shall never rest until I see this regiment,—my regiment,—on the soil of Cuba, battling for the right, and for its kinsmen."

The echoes of his voice had hardly died away before the misfortunes, in Cuba, of one of the fav-

orite regiments of Illinois gave these colored soldiers a chance to prove again to the world that when the needs of their country called them, their personal safety was not to be considered for a moment.

The First Illinois, the "Dandy First" of Chicago, was melting away before the onslaughts of the terrible Cuban fevers in the trenches around Santiago. Drenching daily tropical rains had transformed their camp streets into rushing streams. Constant exposure, with insufficient food supply, had changed almost every tent into a sick room, and the dead march was more often heard than the mess call. Death was staring every man in the face and every man in the regiment realized it.

Col. Henry L. Turner implored Gov. Tanner "to use all influence possible at Washington to secure the immediate recall of the First Illinois." He said that a much longer stay would result in nothing short of a calamity. Tried, they had like brave men to do their duty without complaining, but to die as though swept by a pestilence, without

making effort for self-preservation; to attempt to stand without a cry what their material bodies could not stand, was not to be expected, and they asked that something be done at once to relieve them.

But what could be done? The rain would fall equally as hard upon, and the fever would burn just as savagely in any one who might be sent to succeed them. At this juncture, Gov. Tanner consulted Col. Marshall and requested him to ascertain the sentiment of his officers and men in regard to being sent to relieve the First. Unanimously they said, "let's go" and the following message was sent to Washington:

Springfield, Aug. 4.

H. C. Corbin, Adjutant General:—

"I called the officers of the Eighth Illinois, colored, in conference and they are unanimously and enthusiastically in favor of being sent to relieve the First Illinois at Santiago."

This message was sent in a full realization of its import,—the Eighth was volunteering to be sent to the exact spot where their old companions in arms were dying like sheep in a plague, and not a man objected to the dispatch of that message.

The next day, the Adjutant General sent this answer :

“The Secretary of War appreciates very much the offer of the Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry for duty in Santiago, and has directed that the regiment be sent there by steamer Yale, leaving New York next Tuesday. The main trouble with our troops now in Cuba is that they are suffering from exhaustion and exposure incident to one of the most trying campaigns to which soldiers have ever been subjected.” H. C. CORBIN,
Adjutant General.

On Saturday, the 9th of August the order to break camp and to proceed to New York was received, and joy reigned again in Camp Tanner.

The regiment departed from Springfield in four sections, each composed of Pullman and Wagner palace sleeping cars, and attended by porters. Travel rations had been provided, but few of them were ever used—so frequently were lunches supplied by patriotic people along the line.

The citizens of Ohio were particularly generous and demonstrative. Not a man in the regiment will ever forget the people of Greenfield, Chillicothe and Athens. At those cities hot coffee, sandwiches, cake and fruit were supplied without limit by the citizens, and so warm was their reception that it only served to make more prominent the half-hearted welcome and Godspeed of the people in Dixie's Land the next two days.

Arriving in Jersey City, the regiment was marched to the ferry and thence directly to the Yale

which was lying at dock in New York City. Before embarking the following sick and injured were sent to the New York Emergency Hospital:—Drum Major James Rudd, Private George Baker, Company D., who soon died there, and Privates George Walls and Charles Ambrose of Company F., both of whom had sustained severe injuries by falling from the train while it was in motion.

Early in the afternoon of August 11th, the Yale cast off and proceeded down the bay amidst a perfect beldam of cheers from the passengers, and shrieks from the whistles of the many steamboats on the bay. When off Sandy Hook, a signal from the government station situated there stopped the boat to wait for a tug to bring out a large number of soldiers and officers who, wandering too far from the dock, had been left in New York.

The first real taste of the privations of a soldier was experienced on this voyage. For the first two days, it was almost impossible for the soldiers to obtain any kind of food, and cool water was entirely

out of the question. The men slept on the open decks, a pleasant place at that season of the year.

On the morning of August 14th, Cuba was first sighted looming up in the distance, rugged and barren. For hours, the Yale steamed along the coast without passing a city or a hamlet until the beautiful bay of Guatanamo, filled with American war ships, came into view. The next day Morro Castle was the center of all attention, and immediately off from this historic point the Yale anchored for the night.

The next morning lighters came out from Santiago and carried the regiment to the docks a distance of four miles, every inch of which teems with interest to an American. The half sunken Reina Mercedes, the staff of the Merrimac, and the masked batteries of Socapa were all in sight. About five o'clock in the evening, the companies were landed, and began a march to their first Cuban camping ground. The roads were in terrible condition, no means of transporting rations or baggage were at hand, and the site selected for a camp was covered

with a foot of water. The government guide, seeing the condition of this spot, marched on until he passed through what seemed to be the gates of a park, high and dry on a hill. Shelter tents were pitched and a comfortable night was passed, but uneasiness was common the next morning when it was discovered that the camp was in the yard of the Spanish yellow fever hospital.

Bright and early on the morning of August 17th, the First Battalion under Lieut. Colonel Johnson took train for San Luis to take charge of a large number of Spanish prisoners of war. Emaciated and hungry were these Castilians, living on the bounty of Uncle Sam. The famous Mauser rifles were all taken away and sent to Santiago, and in a few days the prisoners themselves followed.

As soon as Colonel Marshall arrived with the other battalions, he was appointed Governor of the province of San Luis, and commander of the post.

While encamped on a hill near San Luis the regiment had a ludicrous, yet sad, experience. The Cu-

bans had shown some signs of discontent, and the regiment was sleeping on its arms prepared for any emergency. About eleven o'clock a shot awakened the whole camp, and in an instant, almost, every company was in battle front. The sentry's cry of "halt" was not heeded by the approaching objects and several shots followed. Soon the firing became general, but was quickly stopped by vigorous work on the part of some of the officers. It was then discovered that the approach of a Cuban in an ox cart had been the innocent cause of all the excitement. The next morning the body of poor Paul Smith, a popular member of Company B. was found, cold and stiff, lying just outside of his quarters. A stray bullet,—and a promising existence was cut short.

The policy of the government was to station American troops in every Cuban city of any importance, to protect the weak, be they Spanish or Cuban, and to assist and instruct in the formation of a municipal government. Colonel Marshall was ordered to send a detachment to Palma Soriano, seventeen miles away, for this purpose, and to com-

mand this post he made the happy selection of Maj. Robert R. Jackson, Company E., Capt. Richard P. Roots and Company F., Capt. William B. Akers, with Lieut. Curtis as medical officer, formed his command.

Palma, owing to its great number of Spanish inhabitants, was known as "Little Spain," and a master hand was needed to keep the two old enemies from clashing. Major Jackson succeeded in doing this very well, so well, in fact, that Cubans and Spaniards alike expressed regret when the "Comandante" was ordered to return to the regiment at San Luis.

Captain Roots succeeded him as commander of the post and how well he performed his duties is attested by a petition signed by all the leading citizens sent to the General, asking that Capt. Roots be retained at that post when it had been rumored that he and his command were to be ordered to the hills outside the city.

At Palma, this command passed a quiet, rather uneventful period, marked by no serious disturbances, saddened only twice by death, and gladdened several times by marriages, with soldier grooms and Cuban girls as brides.

The sad death of Sergt. George Patterson of Company F. early in December, cast a gloom over the entire detachment. Resentment and revenge were the first sentiments that stirred his comrades when his dead body was found, for it was at first thought that he had been shot by a Cuban or a Spaniard. Investigation showed, however, that he had accidentally killed himself while hunting alligators.

During this time history was fast making with the regiment at San Luis. Colonel Marshall possessed the full confidence of the general commanding and great power was given into his hand. For months, the regiment was camped, about a mile from San Luis, on a hill called by the boys, "Bull Run." This name dated from the night when

the Cuban in his ox cart created so much excitement and shooting, during which one of the oxen was shot to pieces.

For the sake of better quarters, after it became known that a long stay was in store for the Eighth, Col. Marshall moved the regiment into the old Spanish barracks and arsenal within the limits of the city. Then, he proceeded to give the natives a lesson in the American idea of municipal government. He caused the streets, the yards, in fact, the entire city, to be cleaned. He allowed the Cubans to enter the lines to trade and sell, and, in a short time, they became veritable Jews as traders.

Pay days came regularly and often, and large amounts were spent amongst the merchants, so that in a short time, listlessness and stagnation gave way to activity and life.

The store keepers commenced to put on their shelves delicacies and foods that would tickle only an American's palate. American beer was soon to

be had on every hand. When one visited Santiago, he was approached every moment either by a boot-black who would say, "you, shine," or by a news-boy with papers two weeks old.

Shortly after the Eighth became settled in barracks, the Ninth United States Volunteers, a negro regiment with white officers, camped on the outskirts of the city. They soon became involved in a difficulty which unfortunately was reported to have been participated in by the Eighth.. It was soon learned that a most base plot was on foot amongst those close to headquarters at Santiago, to discredit if possible the Eighth Illinois—or rather, the colored officers of the Eighth Illinois. Officers high in authority saw that the experiment was about to be a success, and tried through unprincipled tools to so distort facts, and to so conceal the truth that another century would pass before a negro Colonel should again head a regiment.

A member of the Ninth Immunes became involved in a quarrel with a member of the Cuban

police and was shot dead. A general fight resulted with the Cubans on one side and the Ninth Regiment on the other. The Eighth, meanwhile was a mile distant. But the Colonel of the Eighth, with his accustomed energy, and with matchless courage, as soon as he heard the firing, rode to that point, recognized at a glance the state of affairs, spurred directly up to the house from which the Cubans were firing, and put an end to the shooting. Gen. Ewers, as soon as he was informed of the affair, placed Colonel Marshall in charge of the Ninth, and that night the "news" was flashed to America that the Ninth Immunes and the Eighth Illinois had killed five Cubans.

As a result of the unfortunate affair, however, it became the policy at headquarters to remove the troops from the city, and Camp Marshall, three miles from San Luis, became the home of the regiment. Tragic and historical events were few at this point, but here was developed one of the finest volunteer regiments that was ever in a field. For military precision and cleanliness, Gen. Ewers said that

the camp of the Eighth was the first on the island. The planning of the camp, and the execution of its details was the handiwork of Lieut. Colonel Johnson.

Battalion and company drills in the morning were followed in the evening by regimental parade. Guard duty came to each soldier about once every ten days, and in the intervals between these duties, the men were free to follow their own inclinations. By some, this time was employed visiting the Cuban girls; by others in playing base ball, foot ball or cards; others devoted their time to the study of tactics and individual drill.

The post hospital at San Luis, for the reception of patients from the 23rd Kansas and the Eighth Illinois consisting of several large buildings erected by the Spaniards, was directly under the charge of Maj. Allen A. Wesley. A corps of more than forty well trained men looked out for the wants of the patients, and administered the medicines prescribed by the surgeons. At the camp, the field hos-

pital was in charge of Lieut. E. S. Miller, and at times more than three hundred men were treated every morning.

If the Eighth were given a chance to testify, it would say that Uncle Sam takes splendid care of his soldiers.

They never, for any length of time, needed anything allowed to a soldier by regulations. Clothing, of good quality, was almost always on hand. After the first two months, the most fastidious could not consistently complain of the rations issued. Fresh American beef was received daily from Santiago, and fresh bread was baked every day in the regimental bakery. Beans, peas, tomatoes, rice, hominy, bacon, dried apples, salmon, Irish potatoes, and sweet potatoes were supplied in sufficient quantities.

Of course, after a time, the diet became monotonous, but it was nevertheless entirely wholesome and all that could be expected, except in the case of the sick in the hospital. At first the government did not supply any delicacies, or articles of diet, suit-

able for an invalid. These facts were known in Chicago and the following committee represented the Auxiliary in the raising and disbursing of funds; Mrs. Emma Phelps, Mrs. John R. Marshall, Mrs. Robert Jackson and Mrs. Harvey Thompson. Mr James Gilbert, of the Garden City National Bank, acted as treasurer and contributed aid to the enterprise.

By steady and consistent efforts, the auxiliary raised over \$600.00 and expended it in the purchase of hospital supplies, such as oatmeal, condensed milk, canned fruits, canned soups, castile soap, cocoa, beef extract and nightshirts.

Thanksgiving morning, William T. Taylor, the druggist, departed for San Luis in charge of the supplies.

No one, not connected with the hospital, can ever imagine the incalculable amount of good that these supplies did. Before their arrival, the fever stricken boys were compelled to eat the regular army rations which were hardy for even a well man. Clam broths and chicken soups took the place of

beans and hard tack, and the cool, clean nightshirts supplanted the hot, regulation blue.

Many a blessing was called down by the patients upon the Auxiliary, and all who contributed to the funds, and the efforts of the surgeons were materially aided by the use of the foods.

After Christmas, the regiment settled down to speculation upon the return home. Reveille blew every morning and taps every night for months and months, every day of which was just like the other.

Pay days came and passed; inspections were ordered and carried out; drills followed drills and the regiment improved day by day. Cubans were becoming every day more friendly. Several marriages

resulted from this increased friendship, and the little god played some of his most peculiar pranks. Men married girls to whom they couldn't say a dozen words; the interpreter was an absolute neces-

sity at every marriage, and households were set up that were destined soon to be torn down.

On the first day of February the camp was in an uproar. Drills were broken up, guards left their posts, meals were forgotten, and the cheering could be heard a mile. News had just come that the transport Chester would be in Santiago on the twentieth to carry the regiment home. Officers and men alike joined in a general thanksgiving, for they were all going back to America. The days dragged slowly by; the twentieth came and passed, but no orders to move came with it. Early the next Sunday morning the order was given out to prepare for general inspection.

At last the great day had arrived,—the success of the experiment which meant so much to the officers, the regiment and the colored people in general, was about to be tested. Had the Eighth done all that the government expected it to? Were the men well drilled, and was the camp both military and sanitary? Would the officers prove equal to their task,

and would the men to-day, on this day of all days, prove to the United States government that negro soldiers can become as military under negro officers as they ever became under white officers?

These questions were uppermost in the minds of all, and when the sun went down that night it shed its rays on a regiment that was, as Gen. Breckinridge, the inspecting officer, said, "as fine a volunteer regiment as was ever mustered into the service."

General Breckenridge complimented Col. Marshall very highly upon the splendid showing that the Eighth had made, and stated that it was "a shame to muster out of service such an excellent regiment." Capt. R. S. Woodson, Medical Director, inspected the hospital and in his report said, "the two wards were in excellent sanitary condition; * * * the medicines were dispensed from carefully written prescriptions."

This day marked the death of the old stalking horse that negroes were unable to command their

own race. Gen. Breckenridge and Capt. Woodson told the world that the broad shoulders of the negroes were not too narrow for the shoulder straps. That beautiful Sunday in far off Cuba, placed the negro as an officer on the same high plane that he had heretofore occupied as a private.

Now the Eighth was ready to go home, the mission was accomplished. Many a man had left his home and his family with this one thought urging him on,—if this regiment is a success, the last barrier that stands between my race and complete freedom will be swept away.

The day of repatriation was again set, and on the morning of March 10th, the regiment marched gaily into San Luis, its colors flying and the band playing, "There'll Be a Hot Time," and "Honey, Let Me Bring My Clothes Back Home." The journey by rail to Santiago was a short one, and by evening the entire command was aboard the Sedgwick waiting for the morrow.

The passage on the Sedgwick was much better in every respect than had been the one on the Yale,

and Thursday morning, March 16th, the boat dropped anchor off shore from Newport News, Va. A tragic and sorrowful incident of the trip was the death of the baby daughter of Major and Mrs. Robert Jackson. Of feeble health in Cuba, the change of climate as the boat steamed northward, hastened the death that had been pending for some time. The little one was buried at Newport News.

Through Virginia and Kentucky the train sped. Indiana was crossed with but few stops, and Saturday afternoon, March 18th, the Eighth Illinois is in Chicago. Home at last, and a true Chicago welcome it received. A magnificent ovation all along the line of parade; a glorious banquet; a mammoth reception, and the tedious work of mustering out was begun.

But twenty noble souls had already been mustered out. Twenty young lives had been given up far from home and friends that the cause of justice and freedom might live forever. The Great Muster-

ing Officer had already received their records and said, "well done, thou good and faithful servants." Glorious death in battle was not theirs, but no less glorious was their death, for they died for their flag and for their country.

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Maj. George Pickett paid the last private in Company M. late on the third of April, Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-nine, and the Eighth Illinois United States Volunteers ceased to exist.

Tattersall's, in Chicago, which had been the barracks of the regiment since its arrival in Chicago, was the scene of this historic event.

President McKinley said when the Eighth volunteered to relieve the fever-stricken First, "that it was the proudest moment of his life." Now that the Eighth has served, and has been mustered out with a most excellent record, his pride is shared by all who know of the regiment, and what was once an experiment is now an assured success.



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Company B. Killed on Rousseau's Hill, San
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LAWRENCE MICHEAUX,
Company C. Died, San Luis, September 14,
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WILLIS GARRETT,
Company K. Died, San Luis, September 16,
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BURT WITHWORTH,
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WILLIAM THOMAS,
Company K. Died, San Luis, November 27, 1898.

GEORGE PATTERSON,
Company F. Accidentally killed himself, Palma,
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FRANK RICHARDS,
Company G. Died, San Luis, December 26,
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SIMON B. PETERS,
Company B. Died, San Luis, January 20, 1899.

GEORGE FARRIS,
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ALONZO PARKS,
Company F. Died, Palma Soriano, February
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CHARLES EARLY,
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WILLIAM JONES,
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WILLIAM SPARKS,
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